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## Financial Institution Letter

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# Fincen's Secure Information Sharing System Web-Based Process Required By USA PATRIOT Act

**Summary:** The Department of the Treasury's Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN) fully implemented its Web-based USA PATRIOT Act Secure Information Sharing System on March 1, 2005.

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### Highlights:

- Since the March 1, 2005, implementation of the Secure Information Sharing System (SISS), financial institutions' Section 314(a) points of contact should be receiving biweekly e-mail notifications about new information available on the SISS Web site for their review.
- Usage statistics for the SISS have been provided to the FDIC. Current results indicate that a number of FDIC-supervised institutions are not registered to access the site. Statistics also indicate that a number of registered institutions have not logged on to SISS since their initial registration.
- SISS can only be accessed by the financial institution's designated Section 314(a) points of contact. If you use a third-party vendor or product to conduct searches, your institution is still required to log on and review the information on the SISS.
- Financial institutions that receive e-mail notifications from FinCEN stating new information has been posted to the SISS, and have not yet registered on the new system, can complete the registration process at: <https://www.fincen.gov/314a/>
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